

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018  
5:30 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park Community Center

**Attendance:** Arsalan Siddiqui, Honora Hammett, Findley Holland  
Larry Hilliard  
Youth Liaison: Alison Longworth

Arsalan Siddiqui called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Old Business**

- a. October Minutes
  - i. Arsalan will email the minutes to Alison Longworth and they will be forwarded to the committee.
- b. Youth Forum Dates
  - i. The youth forum was postponed, the committee discussed whether or not to hold one this year. Findley Holland mentioned the idea of not planning one for this year because of short notice and attendance risk. Arsalan Siddiqui discussed having an annual youth forum and members of the committee discussed which days would work the best for them. Honora Hammett suggested Monday December 17 in Room 130 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Alison Longworth will submit the request form to have it approved and will inform the committee when to begin advertising for the forum.
- c. Voter Registration Event at ERHS
  - i. The committee discussed and reviewed the past voter registration event at ERHS and discussed ideas for the upcoming event next year. An estimated 30-40 students registered to vote at the past event.
- d. Youth Higher Learning Prep
  - i. Arsalan Siddiqui brought up the idea of involving students in middle school and encouraging them to get politically involved through presentations and YAC committee panels. Alison Longworth suggested the committee begin a

presentation and reach out to local middle schools for an opportunity to present information.

- ii. Members of the committee will email Alison Longworth with statements they wish they had known before high school. Members will discuss those at the next meeting.

e. YAC Awareness Advocacy Project

- i. Findley Holland mentioned the idea of holding a service project at ERHS for students to get involved and for YAC to encourage them to join the committee.
- ii. The committee discussed their ideas on how to increase more engagement and involvement from youth in Greenbelt. The ideas discussed were more youth forums, flyer pass outs, and a workshop to prepare and educate students and young adults for voting.

**New Business**

a. Advisory Committee Liaison Reports

- i. Findley Holland did not attend PRAB meeting this month.
- ii. Arsalan Siddiqui said that PRAB had discussed breaking down and removing the Beltway Plaza mall to build a new neighborhood development.

b. NLC City Summit

- i. Arsalan Siddiqui attended and lead a workshop on youth advocacy and said it was a successful event and outcome. He mentioned the several engaging activities which enabled peak interest from the participants. Arsalan also discussed the ideas at NLC which he encouraged the YAC members to consider for events locally in Greenbelt.

c. Committee Initiated Discussion

- i. Larry Hilliard mentioned the idea of encouraging middle schoolers to join YAC and brought up that the members of YAC as current high schoolers can serve as leaders and role models to them.
- ii. Arsalan Siddiqui will reach out to high school and middle school students to recruit to YAC for the upcoming school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.